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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Paul B. Fisher, et al.
Serial No.: 09/515,363
Filed : February 29, 2000
For : MELANOMA DIFFERENTIATION ASSOCIATED GENE-5
(Mda-5), PROMOTER AND USES THEREOF

1185 Avenue of the Americas
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August 24, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
BOX: Missing Parts

Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) dated April 24, 2000 issued in connection with the above-identified application, a copy of which is enclosed herewith as **Exhibit A**. A reply to the Notice was originally due June 24, 2000. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time from June 24, 2000 to August 24, 2000. The fee for a two-month extension of time is ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$190.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check including the \$190.00 fee is enclosed herewith. Thus, a reply to the April 24, 2000 Notice is now due August 24, 2000. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In reply to the April 24, 2000 Notice, applicants hereby submit their Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63 (**Exhibit B**). The Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

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The surcharge fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00). A check including the \$65.00 surcharge is enclosed herewith.

No fee, other than the \$65.00 surcharge and the \$190.00 two-month extension of time fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Love

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
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